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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Livestock prices were generally higher during Christmas week as supplies were curtailed and prices on dressed beef and pork advanced. Trade was moderately active on all classes. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to \$1.00 higher with many sales 50¢ up. Barrows and gilts closed steady to \$1.00 higher with a liberal share 50-75¢ higher. Slaughter lamb prices were steady to \$1.00 higher, mostly steady to 50¢ up.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Marketings were curtailed during the Christmas week, and prices advanced on most slaughter cattle. Receipts at the 12 markets were 32 percent below the previous week but 5 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier. Fed steer and heifer supplies were largely Good to average-Choice and the slaughter steer run included a rather large volume of weights over 1150#. The average weight of 1150# on slaughter steers at the 7 markets showed an 18# increase over the previous week but was 24# under corresponding week a year ago. Steers weighing over 1400# continued to sell around \$1.00-2.00 below the same grades under 1100#. At Chicago slaughter steers were steady to \$1.00 higher with steers under 1100# in better demand than heavier weights. At most other midwest markets, steer prices were steady to 75¢ higher many 50¢ up and extremes 75¢-\$1.00 higher at So. St. Paul. Heifers at Chicago were 50¢-\$1.00 higher and steady to 75¢ higher at most other midwest terminals. Cows sold steady to 25¢ higher at most points, but at Chicago, So. St. Paul and Oklahoma City prices were steady to 50¢ higher. Vealers sold at mostly steady prices, however some Prime were \$1.00 higher at So. St. Paul.

At Chicago, around 30 loads high-Choice to mostly Prime steers brought \$27.75-28.00, many loads mixed Choice and Prime 1100-1325# \$26.50-27.50, mixed Choice and Prime 1325-1550# \$24.50-27.00. Bulk of Choice steers went from \$24.50-26.50, most Good \$22.00-24.00. At other midwest terminals high-Choice and Prime steers brought \$26.00-27.00, few loads at Kansas City \$27.50-27.75. Choice slaughter steers bulked at \$24.50-26.00, Good to low-Choice \$22.00-24.75, Standard and low-Good \$18.00-22.00. At most markets, high-Choice and Prime heifers sold at \$25.00-26.00; Good and Choice \$22.00-25.00. Utility and Commercial cows realized \$14.00-16.50; Canners and Cutters \$11.00-14.50. At So. St. Paul, Good and Choice vealers brought \$23.00-27.00, high-Choice and Prime \$28.00-32.00. At St. Louis National Stock Yards, Good and Choice vealers cashed at \$28.00-33.00, few to \$34.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stockers and feeders were sharply reduced due to the holidays. The overall quality of replacement cattle was not too high as many of the late season cattle are small shipments or the tail-ends of larger strings. A fairly liberal volume of fleshy feeder steers, some showing at least a short term on grain feed, were on offer this week, while the supply of stock calves and light-weight yearling stockers was limited. Prices throughout most of the country were on a steady to strong basis with the exception of Sioux City, Iowa where stockers and feeders were dull and closed weak to 50¢ lower.

The bulk of the Good and Choice feeder steers 825-1000# sold at \$22.00-25.00, a few loads 775-850# at \$25.00-25.65; Good to low-Choice over 1000# sold at \$21.50; Common and Medium \$17.00-18.50. Good and Choice 550-750# stock steers \$23.00-27.00, load Choice 560# \$29.50 in Sioux City. Medium to low-Good stock steers \$20.00-23.00. Stocker and feeder heifers were rather scarce throughout most of the midwest although a few loads Good and Choice 525-750# brought \$20.00-24.00, Common and Medium \$16.00-19.00. Good and Choice stock steer calves \$24.00-31.50, few loads Choice 400-425# \$32.00-34.00; Medium to low-Good steer calves \$20.00-23.50. Good and Choice stock heifer calves \$22.00-28.00; Medium and Good stock cows \$13.50-16.50.

HOGS - Combined receipts of hogs at the major terminal markets and the Interior area for the four days were around 31 percent short of the previous week but 10 percent more than the holiday week last year. Sows comprised 8-13 percent of supplies.

Demand was considerably improved during the week under the influence of higher prices for pork products at wholesale centers and reduced receipts moving to slaughterers. Best action was on butchers under 230# and for uniform No. 1 and 2 grade lots, with heavier weights less active. Compared with Friday the previous week prices steady to \$1.00 higher with liberal share 50-75¢ higher and much of the advance on closing sessions. Sows steady to \$1.00 higher, majority 25-75¢ up. In the Interior area butchers closed steady to 35¢ higher, instances 50¢ up on weights under 240#, and sows mainly steady.

On closing rounds at the terminal markets mixed No. 1-3 butchers 190-240#, sold at \$11.75-12.75, with a few \$13.00 in the eastern Cornbelt. Uniform No. 1 and 2 butchers 190-230# closed at \$12.75-13.25

with a few \$13.50-13.65 at Omaha and Indianapolis. Sows 270-400# sold from \$9.00-10.50, 400-600# sows \$7.75-9.50. In the Interior area mixed No. 1-3 200-240# butchers, a few 190-200# weights included, closed at \$11.10-12.00 and No. 1-2 lots \$12.00-12.25. Mixed No. 1-3 sows 270-400# sold at \$8.25-10.15. Sows weighing 400-550# sold from \$6.75-9.00, mainly \$7.00-8.50.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3, live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 86¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago December 18 to December 24, 1959 inclusive.

Feeder pigs at Sioux City were mainly steady with the previous week. Medium and Good 130-170# feeders moved at \$9.50 to mostly \$10.00, and a few Good and Choice brought \$10.25-10.50, while a few Medium lots sold around \$9.00. At Memphis, feeder pigs were steady to \$1.00 lower. Good 40-80# feeder pigs \$8.00, Common and Medium \$4.00-7.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 major markets were 44 percent less than the previous week but 4 percent more than the same week a year ago. Prices on slaughter lambs were steady to \$1.00 higher, mostly steady to 50¢ higher. Feeder lambs and slaughter ewes were mostly steady. Mostly Choice woolled slaughter lambs 95-113# sold from \$17.50-18.00 with a few \$18.25-18.50 at Omaha and Chicago. Bulk Good and Choice 80-112# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$16.50-17.50 and up to \$18.35 at Chicago. Utility and Good sold from \$15.00-16.50. Good and Choice 80-108# shorn slaughter lambs, mostly with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought \$15.50-17.00 with mostly Choice \$17.25-17.75, the latter price at Denver. At Fort Worth Good and Choice 95-118# yearlings sold from \$12.00-14.00. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes sold from \$2.50-6.50. Good and Choice 55-82# feeder lambs brought \$16.00-17.75 and two loads Choice 75# feeders secured \$18.15 at Denver.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers out of Arizona and California feedlots moderately active in face of rather broad demand and prices fully steady with some steers contracted to February 15. Stocker and feeder classes in small volume at steady prices. Slaughter lambs steady.

Slaughter steers: 138 loads mostly Choice 900-1125# \$26.00-26.75 including 7 loads on delivered to plant basis and 62 loads f.o.b. feedlot for delivery through February 15; 69

loads mixed Good and Choice 850-1300# \$23.50-26.00 but mainly \$25.00 up.

Slaughter heifers: 33 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 775-950 but mainly under 900# \$24.50-25.50, 6 loads Choice 900-1000# \$24.00-24.50, 8 loads mixed Good and Choice 750-950# \$24.00-24.50.

Slaughter calves: 28 loads Good with Choice end 450-600# mainly in Arizona \$23.75-25.50. Stockers and feeders: 99 head Good 375# stock calves with steers \$27.00 and heifers \$25.00, 1,100 head Good with Choice end 425-450# yearling steers out of Mexico \$24.00 f.o.b. American side; load feeder cows in Cutter and Utility slaughter flesh 1082# \$16.00, 1 load Good stock cows with small calves at side \$220.00 per pair.

Slaughter lambs: California - 4 loads Good to mostly Choice fed lambs 90-114# with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$17.00. Utah: 7 loads mostly Choice 100-110# woolled \$17.00-17.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle direct at the feedlots in Colorado rather active. Sales up till Thursday noon confirmed on 183 loads of fed cattle compared to 157 loads last week and 117 loads a year ago. Fed steers sold strong to 25¢ higher; fed heifers fully steady. Five loads slaughter steers average to high-Choice 1125-1200# \$26.00-27.00; 50 loads low to average-Choice 1050-1250# \$25.25-25.75. Twelve loads average-Choice 925-950# fed heifers \$25.25-25.50; 112 loads high-Good to average-Choice 875-1025# \$24.25-25.25, late sales mostly \$24.75-25.25.

Trading on stocker and feeder cattle and calves seasonally slow. Few sales confirmed fully steady. Western Kansas: 421 mostly Good 726-849# feeder steers \$21.00-22.50. Load Good and Choice 811# \$23.25. Wyoming: 2 loads Choice 411# steer calves \$29.00; two loads same grade 388# heifer calves \$25.00. Colorado: 3 loads Good and Choice 590# feeder heifers \$23.25. Two loads mostly Good 619-624# \$21.00-21.25. Part load Good and Choice 354# heifer calves \$26.50. Two loads Medium and Good 875# stock cows \$13.75.

Slaughter lambs sold steady. Northern Colorado: 6 loads 106-114# Choice fed woolled lambs \$18.00. Ten loads Good to mostly Choice 102-112# woolled lambs sold off wheat in Western Kansas and delivered Denver \$17.75-18.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trading on all classes of cattle and calves slow, steady on small volume confirmed sales. Ten loads high-Good and low-Choice 860-1077# slaughter steers \$23.00-24.00. Six loads high-Good 790# slaughter heifers \$23.50. About 900

Choice 700-765# feeder steers \$23.50-24.50 and around 350 Good 780# \$22.50.

Amarillo Area - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers steady to strong, instances 50¢ higher on steers; stockers and feeders fully steady. Thirteen loads average to high-Choice 1175-1250# fed steers \$25.00-26.00, few loads Good and low-Choice 1050-1100# \$23.65-24.50. Nine loads Good and Choice 850-1000# slaughter heifers \$24.00-24.50. Good and Choice 700-760# feeder steers \$22.25-24.00, Medium and low-Good \$19.00-21.00. Around 700 Good and Choice 621# stock steers \$24.75. Few Good and Choice 588-675# stocker and feeder heifers \$21.00-22.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Move-

ment of all classes of livestock during the past Christmas week very slow with scattered sales steady. Washington and Idaho - Mostly Choice 1025-1180# slaughter steers \$25.50-26.00, 1 load \$26.75 in Washington. Choice steers for current to 3 weeks delivery in Idaho 1038-1200# \$25.00-25.75, several loads on delivered basis carrying 15-20¢ freight benefit. High-Good and Choice heifers 875-950# \$23.00-23.50. Canada - Good 760# feeder steers \$19.50 with Good and Choice 554# yearling heifers \$16.65.

Idaho - Mostly Choice 107# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.00. Oregon - Choice 104-106# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$17.75-18.00 delivered California and Seattle.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 26	Dec. 27
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Chicago.....	35,153	35,278	269	265	31,989	32,558	7,514	9,007
Cincinnati.....	2,104	1,575	317	315	7,304	9,064	735	728
Denver.....	6,445	6,306	540	336	3,009	1,487	6,506	2,599
Fort Worth.....	2,680	2,253	746	462	1,365	917	3,473	1,886
Indianapolis.....	4,070	3,915	383	331	25,223	23,053	1,588	3,076
Kansas City.....	14,372	11,593	747	545	10,811	9,133	3,520	2,056
Oklahoma City.....	4,512	3,511	505	410	2,789	1,636	1,263	667
Omaha.....	32,416	28,031	1,176	609	42,014	34,536	7,036	9,385
St. Joseph.....	11,903	19,680	295	193	22,543	21,830	3,471	3,726
St. Louis NSY.....	9,545	8,402	1,187	1,197	50,929	38,417	3,901	3,635
Sioux City.....	23,036	19,917	3,364	1,498	36,090	38,907	6,736	7,721
S. St. Paul.....	14,249	11,883	6,286	6,123	40,290	41,084	5,734	5,158
Total.....	160,485	152,344	15,815	12,284	274,356	252,622	51,477	49,644
Dec. 19, 1959.....	237,685		26,562		430,054		92,490	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Dec. 26, 1959	Dec. 19, 1959	Dec. 27, 1958
Hogs	330,000	449,000	296,000
Sheep ...	17,600	26,200	22,900

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Dec. 24 1959	Dec. 24 1958	Dec. 24 1959	Dec. 24 1958	Dec. 24 1959	Dec. 24 1958	Dec. 24 1959	Dec. 24 1958
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,258	4,314	12.3	17.1	1,263	1,246	27.33	28.58
Choice.....	18,550	14,664	69.9	58.0	1,166	1,195	25.52	27.48
Good.....	3,717	5,603	14.0	22.2	1,111	1,175	23.47	25.90
Standard.....	728	669	2.7	2.6	1,022	1,143	21.54	24.34
Commercial.....	42	--	.2	--	1,507	--	21.21	--
Utility.....	245	41	.9	.1	1,030	1,147	17.91	22.01
All grades.....	26,540	25,291			1,166	1,198	25.32	27.24
OMAHA								
Prime.....	88	950	.6	6.0	1,234	1,126	26.84	28.14
Choice.....	6,257	7,456	41.8	46.7	1,149	1,174	25.08	26.50
Good.....	7,721	6,840	51.5	42.9	1,169	1,202	23.01	24.73
Standard.....	665	613	4.4	3.8	1,141	1,170	19.98	23.16
Utility.....	248	101	1.7	.6	1,135	1,078	17.78	21.94
All grades.....	14,979	15,960			1,160	1,182	23.67	25.67
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	186	395	1.7	3.5	1,151	1,141	26.03	28.05
Choice.....	6,633	7,329	59.9	64.8	1,153	1,163	24.65	26.80
Good.....	3,907	3,166	35.3	28.0	1,114	1,186	23.06	25.17
Standard.....	275	315	2.5	2.8	1,099	1,109	20.59	23.91
Utility.....	71	111	.6	.9	1,098	1,172	18.53	22.39
All grades.....	11,072	11,316			1,137	1,167	23.99	26.26
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	60	--	1.1	--	1,204	--	27.65	--
Choice.....	1,505	1,418	26.5	26.5	1,166	1,161	24.68	26.22
Good.....	3,081	2,870	54.3	53.6	1,137	1,141	22.67	24.83
Standard.....	820	1,025	14.4	19.2	1,083	1,108	19.66	23.61
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	210	40	3.7	.7	1,072	1,147	17.33	21.47
All grades.....	5,676	5,353			1,135	1,140	22.66	24.95
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	862	1,304	22.8	34.0	1,090	1,137	25.33	26.20
Good.....	1,688	1,729	44.7	45.1	1,071	1,100	23.34	25.27
Standard.....	947	770	25.1	20.1	1,032	1,051	21.14	23.96
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	279	30	7.4	.8	1,036	1,022	17.82	22.26
All grades.....	3,776	3,833			1,063	1,102	22.87	25.33
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	31	--	.5	--	1,140	--	26.76	--
Choice.....	2,847	1,283	48.5	21.2	1,120	1,128	24.54	26.65
Good.....	2,433	3,627	41.4	59.8	1,158	1,154	22.48	25.09
Standard.....	566	1,112	9.6	18.4	1,111	1,052	19.40	23.94
Utility.....	--	34	--	.6	--	1,129	--	21.96
All grades.....	5,877	6,056			1,135	1,130	23.20	25.20
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,156	1,736	56.1	66.5	1,235	1,206	24.92	27.02
Good.....	880	836	42.7	32.0	1,134	1,153	23.70	26.23
Standard.....	25	15	1.2	.6	1,113	1,070	19.00	22.53
Utility.....	--	24	--	.9	--	1,021	--	21.00
All grades.....	2,061	2,611			1,190	1,187	24.35	26.70

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Five months	
	Dec. 24	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Nov.	Nov.	July - Nov.
	1959	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959 : 1958
Steers - 1001# up	340	1,061	861	2,547	3,187	17,386 21,115
901-1000	1,242	2,752	1,272	9,165	7,361	57,784 57,045
801-900	2,357	5,018	1,718	21,490	16,340	104,616 98,940
701-800	3,406	6,428	1,718	42,764	27,475	166,263 139,730
501-700	6,720	11,050	3,729	72,279	53,694	332,445 280,551
Total steers 10 mths.	14,065	26,309	9,298	148,245	108,057	678,494 597,381
Av. wts. " " "	719#	740#	763#	711#	715#	718# 728#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.11	\$22.83	\$26.09	\$23.73	\$27.20	\$25.32 \$26.28
" " " Chicago	23.04	22.83	25.07	25.46	27.59	26.23 26.38
" " " Ks. City	22.98	22.53	25.71	23.34	26.46	24.81 25.56
" " " Omaha	23.21	23.09	26.92	24.85	28.40	26.46 27.49
" " " S. St. Paul	22.20	21.55	23.98	21.80	25.21	23.75 24.72
" " " Sioux City	24.62	24.96	27.28	24.86	28.02	26.55 27.11
" " " Denver	23.44	23.91	25.49	24.63	27.86	25.61 27.28
" " " Ft. Worth	22.67	21.41	25.87	20.83	24.84	24.08 25.09
" " " Okla. City	21.13	21.44	26.23	21.76	25.96	24.11 25.19
" " " S. St. Joseph	23.16	22.21	26.32	22.32	26.32	24.69 25.19
" " " Natl. Stk. Yds.	21.67	20.63	24.36	22.79	24.87	24.15 24.40
Total calves-10 mths.	10,454	18,732	9,369	148,826	129,490	442,140 424,052
" heifers " "	2,026	2,824	2,123	24,768	19,370	124,691 126,459
" cows " "	939	1,532	1,141	9,496	12,006	24,307 31,089

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and Mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Dec. 26,1959	274	165.5	75	8.2	1,200	164.9	177	8.7	347.3	--
Dec. 19,1959	345	204.6	105	11.3	1,545	209.5	230	11.3	436.7	--
Dec. 12,1959 ^{1/}	3/									
Dec. 27,1958 ^{1/}	240	145.1	74	8.1	1,014	138.2	188	9.4	300.8	35.7
Percentage change from:										
Dec. 19,1959	-21	-19	-29	-27	-22	-21	-23	-23	-20	--
Dec. 27,1958	14	14	1	1	18	19	- 6	- 7	15	--
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Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard	
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs		yield	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per	
	100 lb.		100 lb.		100 lb.		100 lb.		100 lb.	
Dec. 26,1959	1060	604	195	110	241	137	101	49	--	
Dec. 19,1959	1040	593	190	108	240	136	101	49	--	
Dec. 12,1959	1045	596	190	108	242	137	101	49	--	
Dec. 27,1958	1073	605	193	109	241	136	103	50	14.6	

^{1/} Actual slaughter. ^{2/} Excludes lard. ^{3/} Not available at this time.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle			Calves			Hogs			Sheep and lambs		
	: Dec. 26 : Dec. 27 : Dec. 28 :			: Dec. 26 : Dec. 27 : Dec. 28 :			: Dec. 26 : Dec. 27 : Dec. 28 :			: Dec. 26 : Dec. 27 : Dec. 28 :		
	1959	1958	1957	1959	1958	1957	1959	1958	1957	1959	1958	1957
Boston, New York City Area.	10,914	10,497	7,104	6,696	44,393	45,427	31,572	30,321				
Baltimore, Philadelphia....	5,970	5,753	1,018	379	23,118	21,525	2,333	2,326				
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls.	13,015	12,458	2,930	2,903	114,462	87,445	13,370	12,636				
Chicago Area.....	12,610	18,745	5,083	7,046	25,078	33,468	4,794	4,238				
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	23,306	21,083	19,750	20,957	114,869	101,826	9,840	10,812				
St. Louis Area.....	8,035	8,098	946	1,026	69,473	63,788	4,835	4,301				
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	19,813	15,370	--	--	101,132	79,884	12,109	16,628				
Omaha Area.....	36,703	28,264	94	126	81,810	64,616	10,939	10,976				
Kansas City.....	11,831	9,201	--	--	37,438	25,286	--	--				
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	24,737	22,330	7,146	7,331	264,930	239,546	--	--				
Lou'1. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's..	4,347	5,045	2,809	2,507	45,208	36,450	--	--				
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area	3,591	4,200	1,157	1,272	18,092	14,191	--	--				
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	14,987	12,678	815	559	50,094	38,374	6,327	6,939				
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio	5,221	5,481	2,720	2,353	13,642	17,721	6,511	3,873				
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City	14,100	12,789	163	121	17,600	10,673	17,687	19,589				
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas	15,254	12,728	611	1,330	22,952	19,021	16,164	12,938				
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	4,649	3,918	119	69	12,628	10,644	2,234	1,804				
Total.....	229,083	208,638	52,465	54,675	1,056,919	909,885	160,814	163,707				
Accumulation to date.....	14,278,851	14,249,615	3,371,813	4,075,617	59,074,386	50,761,301	11,768,335	10,669,440				

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION
BY WEEKS, NOVEMBER, 1959

Week ended	Cattle			Calves			Hogs			Sheep and Lambs			Lard		
	: Num- : Prod. : mil.lb. :			: Num- : Prod. : mil.lb. :			: Num- : Prod. : mil.lb. :			: Num- : Prod. : mil.lb. :			: Total : meat : prod. :		
	ber	wt.	lb.	ber	wt.	lb.	ber	wt.	lb.	ber	wt.	lb.	per 100 lb.	lb.	mil.lb.
Nov. 7, 1959	379	594	225.2	111	114	12.7	1,619	137	222.2	294	47	13.9	474.0	13.8	52.9
Nov. 14, 1959	360	591	212.8	111	114	12.7	1,497	138	206.9	261	48	12.4	444.8	14.0	50.4
Nov. 21, 1959	344	583	200.6	106	112	11.9	1,569	138	216.9	222	47	10.5	439.9	12.9	49.0
Nov. 28, 1959	307	594	182.4	93	112	10.4	1,330	139	185.2	232	48	11.2	389.2	14.1	45.8
1/ Excludes lard.															

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		Los Angeles	
Classification	Dec. 26 1959	Dec. 27 1959	Dec. 26 1959	Dec. 27 1959	Dec. 26 1959	Dec. 27 1959	Dec. 26 1959	Dec. 27 1959	Dec. 26 1959	Dec. 27 1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	27.06	29.12	--	--	26.84	28.71	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.31	28.75	--	--	26.84	28.46	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	25.72	28.04	25.62	27.04	25.47	27.46	25.91	27.46	26.12	28.00
1100-1300	25.38	27.50	25.38	26.12	25.06	26.83	25.38	26.96	25.75	27.75
Good 900-1100	23.47	26.33	22.75	25.25	22.94	25.54	22.50	25.54	24.38	26.75
Standard-All wts.	20.88	24.50	19.62	23.04	19.72	23.54	19.00	23.00	22.50	25.25
Heifers -										
Choice 600-800#	--	27.83	24.75	27.38	24.72	26.92	24.91	27.50	--	27.00
Good 500-900	22.47	26.42	22.00	25.44	22.05	25.04	22.16	25.62	--	25.88
Standard-All wts.	19.75	24.04	19.00	23.00	19.00	23.17	19.00	23.00	--	24.50
Cows - All weights-										
Commercial	15.75	19.62	16.00	19.75	15.88	19.33	17.69	20.75	16.88	21.75
Utility	14.94	18.21	14.75	18.08	14.62	18.00	16.12	19.75	15.62	20.00
Canner & Cutter	13.69	16.75	12.50	15.66	12.75	15.96	13.91	17.25	13.50	17.00
Bulls - All wts. -										
Utility & Com'l.	21.12	24.32	18.50	22.12	18.97	22.08	19.75	23.50	22.25	24.12
Calves - 500# dn.-										
Choice	--	--	23.50	27.42	--	--	--	27.25	--	30.00
Stand. & Good	--	--	20.62	25.25	--	--	--	23.00	24.25	26.75
Vealers - All wts.-										
Choice & Prime	29.50	32.50	27.00	31.50	24.50	27.50	--	29.00	--	--
Stand. & Good	25.50	28.50	22.75	28.25	21.75	24.00	--	25.25	27.00	--
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.69	30.92	26.00	30.00	26.88	30.25	26.00	29.75	--	--
Good " "	24.44	27.75	23.50	27.25	24.50	26.75	24.00	27.75	24.50	25.75
Medium 500-1000	20.69	24.92	20.00	24.25	20.75	23.75	21.00	24.50	21.50	24.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750	--	--	22.75	27.50	24.38	28.00	23.00	26.75	--	--
Med. & Gd. " "	--	--	19.25	24.50	21.00	23.75	20.00	24.50	21.00	--
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.00	19.25	12.50	19.75	16.00	20.25	--	19.00
Calves - 300-500#-										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.00	33.50	30.25	36.50	29.50	35.75	--	30.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	24.00	31.00	27.00	33.00	26.25	33.00	--	--

In dollars per 100 pounds

1/ Not available.

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HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 26, 1959	11.60	11.74	11.78	11.83	11.67	11.69	11.78	12.21	11.78
	Dec. 19, 1959	11.69	11.64	11.48	11.43	11.31	11.45	11.39	12.01	11.53
	Dec. 27, 1958	18.70	18.86	18.42	18.10	17.86	18.35	17.64	18.98	18.30
	Dec. 26, 1959	8.70	9.08	8.29	8.77	8.91	9.09	8.66	8.65	8.80
Sows	Dec. 19, 1959	8.66	8.85	8.08	8.39	8.52	8.53	8.55	8.58	8.56
	Dec. 27, 1958	14.40	14.28	14.34	14.20	14.41	14.61	13.83	14.49	14.29
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 26, 1959	231	221	234	238	239	226	231	227	230
	Dec. 19, 1959	230	219	234	238	238	227	227	225	229
	Dec. 27, 1958	237	226	233	244	244	232	238	226	236
	Dec. 26, 1959	452	408	435	440	437	396	424	435	430
Sows	Dec. 19, 1959	446	406	425	427	426	414	415	436	424
	Dec. 27, 1958	452	432	448	446	426	418	427	447	438
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 26, 1959	24222	46162	9611	35530	31454	19811	33082	21064	220936
	Dec. 19, 1959	34699	64911	16764	56957	48419	36016	52877	31503	342146
	Dec. 27, 1958	25830	34493	7515	28770	34749	19193	34069	20112	204731
	Dec. 26, 1959	3766	3940	988	4018	2573	1642	2752	2607	22286
Sows	Dec. 19, 1959	5453	6347	1659	6764	4058	3348	5014	3840	36483
	Dec. 27, 1958	3537	2618	613	3201	2584	1110	2684	1757	18104
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Dec. 26, 1959		13	8	9	10	8	8	8	11	9
Dec. 19, 1959		14	9	9	11	8	9	9	11	10
Dec. 27, 1958		12	8	8	10	7	5	7	8	8

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Dec. 26, 1959	\$14.67	\$12.31	\$2.36
Dec. 19, 1959	14.11	12.32	1.79
Dec. 27, 1958	20.53	19.25	1.28

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 26, 1959	11.60	110.0	10.5
Dec. 19, 1959	11.69	109.0	10.7
Dec. 27, 1958	18.70	114.8	16.3

1/ Simple average price.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading of greasy domestic worsted wools during Christmas week amounted to approximately six cars and prices advanced 2-3 cents. Demand was normal for medium wools but the supply was increasingly smaller.

Some handlers of pulled wools reported business very active with prices firm. Noils moved slowly at firm prices, while little was done in scoured shorn woolen wools. Turnover in the domestic primary markets was slow except some 12 months wool sold in Texas. All the Dominion auctions closed for the year-end holiday season. The South American markets remained dull.

Fleece Wools - Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing fleece wool sold at \$1.15 clean basis while graded 50/54s staple fleeces brought \$1.12 and medium grade lambs wool moved at 88¢ clean.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good

French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.30 clean basis. A fair weight of original bag bulk fine, some half-blood with occasional 3/8s bulk good French and staple Wyoming wool sold in Casper at 52.02¢ per grease pound delivered Boston while a smaller quantity of bulk fine good French combing and staple sold at Douglas at 50¢ f.o.b. shipping point. Light shrinking lambs wool sold in Oregon at 43½¢ grease basis.

Texas Wools - Over 1,000,000 pounds of original bag 12 months good French combing and staple wool sold in Texas at \$1.25-1.30 clean basis delivered Boston. Dealers estimate approximately 1,500,000 pounds of 12 months wool remain unsold in Texas.

Mohair - Contracting of mohair continued in Texas at \$1.01½ for adult and \$1.31½ for kid hair to the warehouse.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Choice	Dec. 26, 1959	17.56	17.69	17.50	16.75	17.75	--	17.25
	Dec. 27, 1958	19.29	19.21	19.00	18.00	19.12	18.75	18.98*
Good	Dec. 26, 1959	16.88	16.88	16.75	16.62	17.25	16.12	16.50
	Dec. 27, 1958	18.25	18.58	18.50	17.25	18.50	18.00	18.25*
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Dec. 26, 1959	4.50	5.50	4.25	--	5.50*	4.50	5.25
	Dec. 27, 1958	6.50	7.75	6.75	--	7.88	7.75	8.25
Cull and Utility	Dec. 26, 1959	3.75	4.12	3.50	6.00*	3.75*	3.00	3.75
	Dec. 27, 1958	6.50	6.50	5.75	--	6.00	5.25	5.50
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Dec. 26, 1959	--	17.00	--	14.75	17.52	15.25	14.75
	Dec. 27, 1958	--	20.25	--	17.00	18.75	18.38	17.38

* Shorn basis.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

NEW YORK - Non-locally dressed: Trading was fairly active on steer and cow beef rounds, loins, ribs, pork loins, Boston butts, skinned hams and spareribs. As a result of a slow trade and rather poor clearances for veal, calf and particularly lamb, some carlots were carried over the weekend. Supplies of railstocks were moderate, with major portion on offer Monday and Tuesday.

Compared with Friday previous week: Prime steer carcass prices steady, Good and Choice steady to weak, cow beef 50¢ lower; veal and calf weak; lamb \$1.00-2.00 down, largely \$1.00 off; pork loins \$3.00-4.00 higher; Boston butts and spareribs steady; skinned hams \$2.00 lower.

Locally dressed: Production of steer beef, veal and calf was moderate during the holiday week, while output of lamb and pork was near normal. Prices for Choice and Prime steer hindquarters were steady, ribs \$2.00 higher; arm chucks \$3.00 lower. Veal and calf hindsaddles largely \$2.00 off; lamb carcass prices \$1.00-2.00 lower. Pork loins closed \$3.00-3.50 above week previous. Kosher steer forequarters \$1.50-2.00 lower; kosher veal, calf and lamb \$2.00 off. Demand broad for bulk pork cuts, moderate on steer hindquarters, and ribs. Trading slow for other traefers meats and bulk kosher dressed offerings.

CHICAGO - Normal fresh meat supplies for the Christmas week were fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was good for beef ribs and loins but poor for chucks and rounds. Lamb hindsaddles were fairly active, but the veal trade was slow. The fresh pork trade was moderately active.

Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef steady to \$1.00, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 higher; lamb \$1.00 lower; veal steady; pork loins \$2.50-3.00 higher; Boston butts 4-8# steady to 50¢ higher, spareribs 3# and down 50¢-\$1.00 higher.

Choice heifer carcasses 500-700# \$39.00-42.00, Good \$36.50-40.00. Choice and Prime squarecut chucks \$37.00-39.00; Choice and Prime rounds \$51.00-54.00. Prime loins \$83.00-100.00, Choice loins \$68.00-78.00; Prime ribs \$67.00-72.00, Choice \$62.00-67.00; Choice and Prime kosher style chucks \$39.00-40.00. Lamb hindsaddles \$49.00-54.00; legs \$48.00-53.00; loins \$50.00-56.00; ribs \$48.00-54.00.

PACIFIC COAST - Meat supplies were moderate with Choice steer beef the most limited.

Lamb was the exception with accumulations at Los Angeles and San Francisco. Prices compared with last week's close: Steer beef mostly steady, instances Choice 50¢ lower at Los Angeles; cow beef steady to \$1.00 higher except Canner and Cutter \$1.00 lower at San Francisco; calf and veal steady; lamb steady to \$1.00 lower; fresh pork loins steady to \$2.00 higher; spareribs steady instances \$1.00 higher in the Pacific Northwest; other pork and lard steady.

Choice steer beef under 650# sold from \$42.00-46.00, few reaching \$47.00 at Seattle, 650-700# \$41.50-46.00; 700-800# \$41.50-44.00; Good under 700# \$39.00-44.00; Standard \$38.00-41.00. Good and Choice 180-300# calf \$45.00-54.00; Good and Choice veal under 150# \$48.00-54.00. Choice lamb under 55# \$36.00-39.00, few \$41.00 at San Francisco; fresh pork loins \$36.00-42.00; fresh skinned hams \$42.00-46.00; N. Y. shoulders \$25.00-34.00; Boston butts \$30.00-36.00; spareribs under 3# \$33.00-40.00; smoked skinned hams \$44.00-54.00; sliced 1# packages of bacon \$36.00-42.00, few sales down to \$33.00 in the Pacific Northwest; and lard in 1# cartons \$12.50-16.00.

SHIP SAILINGS WITH MEAT FOR U. S. - The Agricultural Attache in Australia reports the following ship sailings with beef for the United States. The Mariposa sailed December 2 with 284,480# for Los Angeles, 387,520# for San Francisco; the Whangorua December 4 with 1,411,200# for New York, 33,600# for Boston.

CARLOT MEAT REPORT - Trade was moderately active on steer and heifer beef with the best outlet on Choice offerings. The supply of lamb was moderately curtailed under a poor demand. Compared with the previous week steer beef sold mostly 50¢-\$1.00 higher with Good grade carcasses at Omaha and New York steady to 50¢ higher. Heifer beef was uneven but mostly steady at Denver, 50¢-\$1.00 higher at Chicago and \$1.00 higher, instances \$1.50 up at Omaha. Lamb carcasses sold steady to weak in New York and Philadelphia, and steady to \$1.00 lower in Omaha while sales were fully \$1.00 lower in Chicago and Denver.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
(In dollars per 100 pounds)

Classification	New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	26	27	26	27	26	27	26	27
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Steer beef -								
Prime 700-800#	48.00	46.75	--	45.00	--	--	--	--
Choice 500-600	--	--	42.50	45.08	44.50	47.00	43.75	45.75
600-700	44.50	46.50	42.25	45.08	43.25	45.00	42.75	44.50
Good 400-600	42.25	43.75	39.75	42.83	43.00	46.00	42.00	44.00
Standard 350-600	--	--	38.50	41.50	39.50	40.75	40.00	43.00
Cow beef, all wts. -								
Commercial	33.62	38.25	30.00	35.25	32.50	39.00	32.50	38.00
Utility	32.88	36.75	29.50	34.50	30.50	37.50	31.50	38.00
Veal -								
Prime 90-120#	60.50	59.50	52.00	54.00	--	--	--	--
Choice 90-120	48.00	51.00	46.50	50.00	--	--	--	--
Good 90-120	43.50	48.00	41.00	46.00	53.00	55.00	--	--
Lamb -								
Prime 35-45#	40.75	44.17	--	41.00	--	--	--	--
45-55	40.25	44.00	--	41.00	--	42.00	37.50	42.00
Choice 45-55	38.25	41.00	37.00	40.00	38.50	42.00	37.50	42.00
55-65	37.25	39.00	35.88	37.00	35.50	40.00	35.00	37.00
Good, all wts.	37.75	40.50	34.50	36.50	38.00	41.00	35.00	38.00
Pork - Fresh -								
Loins 8-12#	37.25	47.42	36.00	46.00	40.00	51.00	37.50	48.50
12-16	36.50	46.25	33.81	43.75	38.00	51.00	37.50	48.50
Butts 4-8	31.00	41.83	25.31	35.75	34.00	42.50	32.50	41.50
Pork - Cured -								
Hams, smk. skd. -								
12-16#	41.50	59.00	47.00	56.17	51.50	57.50	49.75	57.50
16-18	40.50	57.00	43.75	52.67	47.00	56.00	48.25	56.00
Bacon, smk. - Slab -								
6-8#	27.50	--	31.25	50.00	--	51.00	--	44.00
8-10	28.25	43.00	29.75	48.33	--	49.00	--	43.50
Sliced, 1# pkg.	35.00	48.00	38.75	54.50	39.00	52.00	40.00	53.50
Picnics, smk., 4-8#	28.50	34.00	31.25	35.17	30.00	36.00	--	35.50
Lard, 1# carton -								
Refined	12.50	15.50	11.50	14.00	15.50	20.00	13.75	16.25

Note: Quotations at New York exclude locally dressed fresh meats. Variation in prices in some cured pork cuts between Chicago and New York due in part to differences in processing and packaging.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED DEC. 24, 1959

Classification	Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
	Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -					
Choice 600-700#	41.00-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.00-40.50	43.00-43.50	43.00-43.50
700-800	40.00-40.50	39.00-39.50	39.00-39.25	41.75-42.50	42.00-42.50
800-900	39.00-39.50	38.00-38.50	38.00-38.25	40.50-41.50	40.00-40.50
Good 500-600	--	--	--	40.50-41.00	38.50-39.50
600-700	38.00-38.50	--	37.00-38.00	40.00-41.00	38.50-39.50
700-800	37.50-38.00	--	36.00-37.00	38.50-40.00	38.50-39.50
Heifer beef -					
Choice 500-600#	39.50-40.00	38.90-41.00	38.50-39.00	--	--
600-700	39.00-39.50	38.00	38.00-38.50	--	--
Good 500-600	36.50-37.50	--	36.00-36.50	--	--
600-700	36.50-37.50	--	35.50-36.00	--	--
Lamb -					
Choice 35-45#	35.00-35.50	33.75	34.25-35.25	38.00-40.00	37.00-38.00
45-55	35.00-35.50	33.75	33.25-34.25	36.00-37.00	36.00-37.00
55-65	33.50-34.50	--	32.25	35.00-36.00	35.00-36.00

PIG CROP REPORT - DECEMBER 1959

The 1959 pig crop totaled 101.6 million head, 8 percent more than the 1958 crop of 94.5 million head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This year's crop was the largest since the record 121.8 million head produced in 1943. The spring pig crop at 58.6 million was up 12 percent from that of 1958, and the fall crop of 43.0 million was up 2 percent. The increase in the spring crop resulted from an increase in the number of sows farrowing, coupled with a slight increase in pigs saved per litter. The larger fall crop came as the result of a 5 percent increase in sows farrowing which more than offset the 3 percent decline in pigs saved per litter.

Reports on breeding intentions indicate 7,310,000 sows to farrow in the spring of 1960, 12 percent less than the number farrowing last spring. If these intentions materialize and the number of pigs per litter equals the 10-year average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1960 spring pig crop would be approximately 52.0 million head. A crop of this size would be 11 percent less than the 1959 spring crop.

This report is based on a survey of 174,000 farm and ranch operators. These returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through rural mail carriers.

FALL CROP UP 2 PERCENT: The number of pigs saved during the fall of 1959 (June through November) is estimated at 43,029,000 head. This is 2 percent larger than the 1958 fall crop and 21 percent above the 1948-57 fall average. The 1959 fall pig crop was the third largest of record, being exceeded only in 1942 and 1943. Numbers were up from last year in all regions except the East and West North Central States, where the number of pigs saved was about the same as a year earlier. The North Atlantic States were up 6 percent; South Atlantic, 4 percent; South Central, 9 percent; and Western States, up 12 percent.

The number of sows farrowing in the fall of 1959 is estimated at 6,168,000 head, 5 percent more than farrowed in the fall of 1958 and 16 percent above average. Fall farrowings were 3 percentage points less than indicated by farmers' reports on breeding intentions last June. The 1959 fall farrowing by regions as percent of 1958 and intentions as reported last June are as follows: North Atlantic, 105 percent now and 106 percent last June; East North Central 103 percent and 104 percent; West North Central 104 and 109; South Atlantic 106 and 110, South Central 112 and 114, and West 112 and 110.

Pigs saved per litter averaged 6.98 as compared with the record high of 7.17 pigs per litter in the fall of 1958. Decreases in average litter size were reported in the East North Central, West North Central, South Atlantic, and South Central regions. Litter size remained unchanged in the North Atlantic States and showed a small increase in the West.

Compared with a year earlier, 1959 fall farrowings were relatively larger in June and July and relatively smaller in August, September, October, and November. The percentages of sows farrowing by months during the fall of 1959 as compared with those for the fall of 1958 are as follows: June 15.5 and 14.0, July 16.0 and 15.4, August 23.1 and 23.8, September 25.4 and 25.6, October 13.2 and 14.0, and November 6.8 and 7.2.

1959 SPRING PIG CROP UP 12 PERCENT: The 1959 spring pig crop is estimated at 58,607,000 pigs, 12 percent above 1958. A total of 8,282,000 sows farrowed in the spring of 1959, compared with 7,428,000 during the same period a year earlier. Pigs saved per litter at 7.07 was the second highest on record for the spring crop, being exceeded only by the 7.12 pigs saved per litter in the spring of 1957.

ANNUAL PIG CROP 8 PERCENT LARGER: Spring and fall pig crops combined for 1959 are estimated at 101,636,000 head, 8 percent more than the 94,499,000 head in 1958. For the ten-year period (1948-57) the average pig crop totaled 90,186,000 head.

1960 SPRING INTENTIONS DOWN 12 PERCENT: Reports from farmers on breeding intentions for the spring of 1960 indicate 7,310,000 sows to farrow (December 1959 through May 1960). This would be 12 percent less than a year earlier; 2 percent below 1958, and 10 percent below the 1948-57 average. All regions of the country show a decline except the North Atlantic States which show a 2 percent increase over 1959. Other regions and changes from 1959 are as follows: West North Central down

15 percent; East North Central, South Atlantic, and South Central are all down 9 percent; and West down 7 percent.

If intentions for spring farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the average, with an allowance for trend, the 1960 spring crop would be 11 percent smaller than a year earlier.

SELECTED CORN BELT STATES: The number of sows intended to farrow in 10 of the Corn Belt States in the spring of 1960 is expected to be 13 percent less than a year earlier. These States are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. These 10 States accounted for 74 percent of the 1959 United States spring pig crop.

Present intentions indicate decreases in both the winter (December-February) and spring (March-May) quarters. The number of sows expected to farrow during the months of December, January, and February totals 1,820,000 head, 15 percent less than the 2,149,000 farrowed during this period a year earlier. The 3,500,000 head intended for farrowing in March, April, and May of 1960 for the above States are 11 percent, or 433,000 head, less than the 3,933,000 sows farrowing in these months in 1959.

The December 1 survey shows considerable fewer farrowings intended during the winter months (December, January, and February) than were intended in September. There was a gradual downward trend in hog prices during 1959 with the exception of an upswing for a short period in late August. In mid-November prices received by farmers for hogs averaged \$12.20 per cwt., down \$5.70 from a year earlier. Marketings of all hogs and of sows have been relatively large in recent weeks.

In the above 10 States the number of sows farrowing in the fall of 1959 totaled 4,418,000 head, 3 percent more than in the fall of 1958. This is about the same number as was indicated by farmers' reports on September 1. Sows farrowing during June, July, and August totaled 2,419,000 head, 5 percent more than in 1958. The number farrowing during September, October, and November totaled 1,999,000 head, up 2 percent from the 1,961,000 head in 1958.

ALL HOGS IN 9 STATES UNCHANGED: The number of all hogs and pigs on farms December 1 in 9 of the Corn Belt States for which comparable data are available totaled 41,470,000 head, about the same as the 41,484,000 on hand a year earlier. Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas showed an increase in inventories while Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota registered a decrease. The number of all hogs reported on Nebraska farms remained unchanged from the previous year. Hogs and pigs six months old and over for the nine States totaled 15,387,000 as compared with 15,342,000 as of December 1, 1958. The number under 6 months of age at 26,083,000 head compared with 26,142,000 a year earlier.

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved, spring and fall, 1/ 1955-60

Year	Sows farrowing		Pigs per litter		Pigs saved		
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Year
	Thousand head		Number		Thousand head		
U N I T E D S T A T E S							
1955	8,359	5,586	6.90	6.81	57,690	38,029	95,719
1956	7,665	5,194	6.94	7.00	53,186	36,386	89,572
1957	7,277	5,124	7.12	7.06	51,812	36,148	87,960
1958	7,428	5,883	7.05	7.17	52,336	42,163	94,499
1959	8,282	6,168	7.07	6.98	58,607	43,029	101,636
1960 2/	7,310	--	3/ 7.10	--	3/52,000	--	--

1/ Spring, December through May; fall, June through November.

2/ Spring farrowing indicated from breeding intentions reports.

3/ Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

PIGS SAVED

State and Division	Spring (Dec. through May)				Fall (June through Nov.)				Year			
	Average, 1948-57	1958	1959	as % of 1958	Average, 1948-57	1958	1959	as % of 1958	Average, 1948-57	1958	1959	as % of 1958
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent
Maine	25	14	15	107	20	14	16	114	45	28	31	111
N. H.	11	8	8	100	9	9	9	100	20	17	17	100
Vt.	12	10	10	100	10	8	8	100	22	18	18	100
Mass.	79	79	74	94	65	78	78	100	144	157	152	97
R. I.	5	5	6	120	5	6	7	117	11	11	13	118
Conn.	18	12	13	108	19	14	12	86	37	26	25	96
N. Y.	169	114	133	117	126	100	98	98	295	214	231	108
N. J.	107	109	96	88	82	81	88	109	189	190	184	97
Pa.	540	399	468	117	460	380	412	108	1,000	779	880	113
N. Atl.	967	750	823	110	796	690	728	106	1,763	1,440	1,551	108
Ohio	2,659	2,343	2,576	110	2,350	2,245	2,323	101	5,009	4,588	4,899	107
Ind.	3,920	3,748	4,159	111	3,594	3,663	3,501	96	7,513	7,411	7,660	103
Ill.	6,147	6,341	6,867	108	4,209	5,646	5,844	104	10,355	11,987	12,711	106
Mich.	767	657	738	112	608	665	639	96	1,375	1,322	1,377	104
Wisc.	2,206	2,258	2,329	103	1,242	1,672	1,611	96	3,448	3,930	3,940	100
E.N.C.	15,698	15,347	16,669	109	12,002	13,891	13,918	100	27,700	29,238	30,587	105
Minn.	4,225	4,020	4,408	110	1,919	2,729	2,671	98	6,144	6,749	7,079	105
Iowa	12,900	11,778	12,752	108	6,383	8,499	8,488	100	19,284	20,277	21,240	105
Mo.	3,348	3,572	4,026	113	2,906	3,437	3,714	108	6,253	7,009	7,740	110
N. Dak.	594	630	679	108	104	176	161	91	698	806	840	104
S. Dak.	2,023	2,070	2,292	111	417	773	681	88	2,440	2,843	2,973	105
Nebr.	2,887	2,549	2,923	115	1,110	1,442	1,412	98	3,998	3,991	4,335	109
Kans.	996	913	1,079	118	692	764	763	100	1,688	1,677	1,842	110
W.N.C.	26,974	25,532	28,159	110	13,531	17,820	17,890	100	40,505	43,352	46,049	106
N. C.	42,672	40,879	44,828	110	25,533	31,711	31,808	100	68,205	72,590	76,636	106
Del.	31	30	30	100	27	26	26	100	58	56	56	100
Md.	199	166	180	108	170	144	152	106	369	310	332	107
Va.	572	537	580	108	520	533	569	107	1,093	1,070	1,149	107
W. Va.	135	81	98	121	123	86	101	117	258	167	199	119
N. C.	1,015	1,276	1,605	126	772	972	1,008	104	1,786	2,248	2,613	116
S. C.	434	435	525	121	401	384	410	107	835	819	935	114
Ga.	1,266	1,511	1,787	118	1,092	1,267	1,306	103	2,357	2,778	3,093	111
Fla.	415	372	449	121	304	325	308	95	718	697	757	109
S. Atl.	4,066	4,408	5,254	119	3,408	3,737	3,880	104	7,475	8,145	9,134	112
Ky.	1,032	1,025	1,214	118	871	994	1,071	108	1,903	2,019	2,285	113
Tenn.	957	1,027	1,272	124	833	937	1,036	111	1,790	1,964	2,308	118
Ala.	791	858	1,022	119	780	794	897	113	1,571	1,652	1,919	116
Miss.	471	490	608	124	421	474	570	120	892	964	1,178	122
Ark.	475	280	373	133	394	317	342	108	869	597	715	120
La.	392	248	285	115	330	247	264	107	721	495	549	111
Okla.	514	360	448	124	439	393	428	109	953	753	876	116
Tex.	921	888	1,173	132	871	889	904	102	1,793	1,777	2,077	117
S. Cent.	5,552	5,176	6,395	124	4,940	5,045	5,512	109	10,492	10,221	11,907	116
Mont.	146	135	144	107	90	106	120	113	237	241	264	110
Idaho	135	111	124	112	97	88	96	109	232	199	220	111
Wyo.	45	29	36	124	35	29	27	93	80	58	63	109
Colo.	191	150	194	129	145	131	172	131	336	281	366	130
N. Mex.	47	32	34	106	33	24	21	88	80	56	55	98
Ariz.	18	22	24	109	16	21	24	114	34	43	48	112
Utah	68	62	85	137	49	46	74	161	112	108	159	147
Nev.	16	18	16	89	11	13	12	92	27	31	28	90
Wash.	111	111	144	130	96	112	126	112	207	223	270	121
Oreg.	138	148	190	128	109	148	162	109	247	296	352	119
Calif.	363	305	316	104	296	262	267	102	660	567	583	103
West	1,273	1,123	1,307	116	978	980	1,101	112	2,251	2,103	2,408	115
U. S.	54,531	52,336	58,607	112	35,655	42,163	43,029	102	90,186	94,499	101,636	108

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION 1/

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	Nov. 1959	Oct. 1959	Jan.- Nov. 1959	Nov. 1958	Nov. 1959	Oct. 1959	Jan.- Nov. 1959	Nov. 1958
Cattle:								
Steers.....	750	830	8,842	725	51.3	52.3	55.6	55.7
Heifers.....	325	382	3,366	220	22.2	24.1	21.2	16.9
Cows.....	370	355	3,476	337	25.3	22.4	21.8	25.9
Bulls and Stags..	18	19	223	20	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5
Total 2/.....	1,463	1,586	15,907	1,302	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & Cutters 3/	196	198	1,642	168	13.4	12.5	10.3	12.9
Hogs:								
Sows.....	703	532	6,014	431	11.1	8.0	9.7	8.2
Barrows and Gilts	5,577	6,088	55,433	4,806	88.0	91.6	89.8	91.4
Stags and Boars..	57	27	292	21	.9	.4	.5	.4
Total 2/.....	6,337	6,647	61,739	5,258	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and Lambs:								
Lambs & Yearlings	1,008	1,131	11,666	821	94.2	94.2	95.0	92.9
Sheep.....	62	70	618	63	5.8	5.8	5.0	7.1
Total 2/.....	1,070	1,201	12,284	884	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.

3/ Included in cattle classification.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers		Heifers		Cows		Bulls and Stags		Canners & Cutters, all classes	
	Nov.		Nov.		Nov.		Nov.		Nov.	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States...	72.6	65.9	1.7	1.7	24.9	31.6	0.8	0.8	12.7	23.0
S. Atlantic States...	42.3	44.3	7.0	4.7	48.6	48.7	2.1	2.3	21.7	28.0
N.C. States-Eastern..	43.7	56.8	19.1	9.1	35.5	32.5	1.7	1.6	21.6	16.0
N.C. States-N.Western	51.8	59.9	26.6	18.7	20.4	20.1	1.2	1.3	11.0	7.0
N.C. States-S.Western	59.2	64.0	17.0	16.4	23.3	18.9	0.5	0.7	10.0	10.0
S. Central States....	36.8	32.1	12.5	4.5	48.7	60.1	2.0	3.3	26.6	34.0
Mountain States.....	35.4	35.8	48.5	51.4	15.4	11.7	0.7	1.1	6.6	4.5
Pacific States.....	65.0	65.8	15.3	12.2	18.1	19.8	1.6	2.2	6.0	2.0

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	November		January - November		Percentage	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	November 1959 of	5 yr. av.
	1958	Nov.	1958	Nov.		
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle.....	1,462	1,302	15,906	16,205	112	93
Calves.....	438	441	4,419	5,198	99	69
Hogs.....	6,337	5,258	61,739	53,647	121	106
Sheep & lambs...	1,070	883	12,284	11,335	121	101
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle.....	1,043.3	1,047.5	1,044.0	1,014.0	100	105
Calves.....	200.3	205.4	208.9	212.2	98	94
Hogs.....	240.9	241.9	239.4	237.5	100	102
Sheep & lambs...	98.1	98.9	98.8	98.4	99	102
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle.....	21.38	23.27	24.14	23.04	92	123
Calves.....	20.96	24.93	26.16	24.01	84	129
Hogs.....	12.31	17.87	14.58	20.22	69	78
Sheep & lambs...	17.02	20.13	18.91	21.06	85	92
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle.....	56.8	56.4	57.5	56.4	--	--
Calves.....	56.8	56.1	57.1	56.1	--	--
Hogs <u>1</u> /.....	76.3	76.7	76.6	76.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	48.6	48.1	48.6	48.7	--	--
Lard per 100#...	13.7	14.0	14.0	14.0	--	--
Lard per animal.	33.0	33.8	33.6	33.3	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle.....	592.6	590.8	600.7	572.0	--	--
Steers <u>2</u> /.....	611.1	--	--	--	--	--
Heifers <u>2</u> /.....	532.0	--	--	--	--	--
Cows <u>2</u> /.....	455.0	--	--	--	--	--
Calves.....	113.8	115.2	119.2	119.0	--	--
Hogs.....	183.8	185.5	183.5	182.0	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	47.7	47.6	48.0	47.9	--	--
Condemnations: <u>3</u> /(number of head)						
Cattle.....	4,425	5,832	48,053	56,220	--	--
Calves.....	1,991	2,750	18,743	24,154	--	--
Hogs.....	7,712	8,644	93,758	95,726	--	--
Sheep & lambs...	4,556	5,677	55,817	57,686	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef.....	863,706	765,980	9,526,301	9,237,586	113	102
Veal.....	49,667	50,450	524,750	615,454	98	67
Pork(carcass wt.)	1,163,355	973,738	11,311,381	9,747,693	119	107
Lamb & mutton...	50,800	41,780	587,268	539,787	122	104
Total <u>4</u> /.....	2,127,528	1,831,948	21,949,700	20,140,519	116	103
Pork, excl.lard	876,741	730,133	8,477,697	7,310,164	120	109
Lard production <u>5</u> /	208,587	177,557	2,070,637	1,780,794	117	103
Rendered pork fat	8,186	7,109	84,973	80,797	115	90

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle. 3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

ESTIMATED PERCENT FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE
AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul
<u>Feeders and stockers</u>							
Dec. 24, 1959	2	43	18	13	9	20	5
Dec. 18, 1959	2	47	22	14	10	28	5
Dec. 26, 1958	2	25	16	12	3	20	5
<u>Slaughter cows</u>							
Dec. 24, 1959	6	11	9	8	14	6	25
Dec. 18, 1959	5	10	8	8	13	7	25
Dec. 26, 1958	6	10	9	7	16	6	20
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	Indian- apolis	Denver	Fort Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio	
<u>Feeders and stockers</u>							
Dec. 24, 1959	10	12	50	50	45	55	
Dec. 18, 1959	17	25	45	60	40	50	
Dec. 26, 1958	5	9	40	52	50	45	
<u>Slaughter cows</u>							
Dec. 24, 1959	12	25	20	12	16	20	
Dec. 18, 1959	15	30	25	13	15	25	
Dec. 26, 1958	10	15	20	13	13	20	

NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES FROM CANADA AND MEXICO PASSED FOR
ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES, NOVEMBER 1959 WITH COMPARISONS
(USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.)

Month and period	Canada		Mexico	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>
November	38,770	93,525	28,290	58,377
Jan.-Nov.	319,721	630,058	320,226	408,476

Note: During Jan.-Nov. this year 28,117 sheep and 6,184 hogs were also passed for entry from Canada compared with 40,761 sheep and 6,983 hogs in the same period of 1958.



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